

1887-047 Chancery Causes: John Reason vs. Melvina Hughes oc  
Lee Co.

Slump, Hagar

CA-Debt  
T-Property



Virginia Circuit Court to wit:

To the honorable Judge of the said  
Court sitting in Chancery.

Your Orator John Reason, a Citizen of  
Lee County, humbly Complaining respectfully  
represents unto you, that some time in the  
year your Orator & W<sup>m</sup> Warren became the  
Security in the executorial bond of  
Melvina Hughes as executrix of the <sup>estate</sup> of  
Isaac Hughes deceased, as  
will appear by a copy of the order of Court  
and the said bond here filed marked  
A and B and prayed to be considered  
as part of this bill. Your Orator further  
states that some time ago <sup>John W. Cullen for himself</sup> Andrew Benegarden  
and <sup>the</sup> others the Creditors of the estate of said  
Isaac Hughes brought suit in this  
honorable Court, against said Melvina  
Hughes executrix as aforesaid, the said  
Warren & your Orator which suit had  
for its object to Compell said Executrix  
to settle her executorial Account and  
to further Compell her and the said Warren  
& your Orator to pay to the Creditors of said  
estate what she should be found in arrears upon  
such settlement. Such Proceedings were  
had in said Cause as resulted in a decree  
at the day Term of this honorable Court



Your Orator has also paid to Wm H Burns <sup>attorney</sup> for  
for the said Melvina Hughes which he is also  
entitled to receive from her which for was \$20.

by which decree your Orator the said Melvina  
and the said Warren were decreed and  
ordered to pay to the Creditors of the estate  
of said Isaac Hughes the sum of \$<sup>18</sup>  
with interest thereon from the day of  
and Costs <sup>of suit</sup> which as taxed by the clerk  
amounted to the sum of \$<sup>18</sup>. All of which will  
more fully and at large appear by the  
records of the aforesaid Chancery Cause  
reference being thereunto had, but being  
records on file in this Honorable Court your  
Orator is advised that he need not copy and  
formally file them but that the Court will  
look into them as evidence if disputed.  
but your Orator files a copy of the aforesaid  
decree marked "C" as part of this bill.  
Your Orator further states that execution  
issued upon said decree against the  
said Melvina Hughes your Orator and  
the said Warren ~~was~~ for the aforesaid sum  
of \$<sup>18</sup> with interest thereon as aforesaid  
and the Costs aforesaid, your Orator and  
the said Warren were Compelled to and  
did pay off the said execution and the  
sum was returned "satisfied," as will  
appear by a copy of said execution here  
filed marked "D" as part of this bill.  
Your Orator paid one half of said execution



and the said Warren paid the other half.  
Your Orator is advised, that having  
as security paid the debt of the said  
Melvina Hughes he is entitled to recover  
against her for the amount your Orator  
has paid on said execution which  
was not less than \$

Your Orator further states that said  
Melvina has paid said Warren what  
he paid for her on said execution, but  
has not paid your Orator one cent  
of what ~~she~~ your Orator paid for  
her & <sup>less the \$10 of out</sup> kept about \$50, being the proceeds  
of the sale of her dower interest in  
a tract of land in this County: but  
On the Contrary has wholly failed and  
refused so to do.

Your Orator further states that said  
Melvina Hughes is a non-resident  
of this State but that she has a  
debt due her in Lee County <sup>on</sup> which  
debt accrued as follows, The said  
Melvina Hughes was a daughter and  
heir at law of <sup>John and</sup> Alpha Skemp deceased  
and as such was <sup>entitled</sup> to have from  
the administrator of the said Alpha  
Skemp deceased her distribution share  
in said estate.



Your Orator further states that at the  
Term<sup>18</sup> of the Lee County Court one John  
W. Slump qualified as the Administrator  
of the estate of said Alpha Slump and  
as will appear by a Copy of the Order  
of Court Appointing him such administrator  
here filed, marked "E" as part of this  
bill. Said John W. Slump by virtue of  
such qualification possessed himself  
of all the goods and Chattels both in  
hand and Choses in Action belonging  
to said Alpha's estate to a large amount  
to wit about \$ which was sufficient  
to pay all said decedent's debts and  
funeral expenses and leave a large  
distribution share coming to each distrib-  
utee of said estate and the <sup>Rev</sup> Melvin  
being an heir and distributee of said  
estate was entitled to have from said  
administrator a large share which  
it was his duty to have paid long since,  
but this the said John W. Slump has  
wholly failed to do. He has also failed  
to settle his administration account before  
proper Commissioners, or to pay said  
Melvin anything of any consequence. He  
may have paid a few small sums  
but the amount is, <sup>not</sup> known to your



Orator,

The object of this suit therefore is to obtain an attachment against the estate of the said Melvina Hughes who as before stated is a non-resident and to attach the debt in the hands of said John D. Sloop. And being without and adequate remedy at the Common law and relievable only in equity where matters of this kind are alone and properly cognizable. Your Orator's prayer is that said Melvina Hughes and John W. Sloop\* be made parties defendants to this bill that they answer the same on oath that process issue to Campbell then to answer, that the said Melvina Hughes be decreed to pay your Orator the full amount <sup>that</sup> your Orator paid for her on said execution, that the said debt due her from said Sloop be attached and that the said Sloop be enjoined and restrained from paying the sum or any part thereof to said Melvina Hughes until the further order of the Court, that it may be referred to a Commissioner of this honorable Court to ascertain the amount the said Melvina Hughes owes your Orator and unless the said John D. Sloop will admit that he owes your Orator said Melvina



high enough to pay your Orator's debt,  
that <sup>it</sup> he also referred to a Commissioner  
to ascertain and report what said Slump  
owes her, and that <sup>such</sup> other further and  
General relief be Afforded your Orator,  
as the nature of his Case may require or  
to equity shall seem meet. And as in  
Duty bound your Orator will ever pray  
R

Barnst Fulton p.g.



On Apr. 5 11.56

" " 10.52  
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3.42 1/2 12.00

Obyatt C. 8.68  
S 1.00

Pr. 5.00

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Cour on 10.52

" Bail 12.00

Defts costs  
recovered

\$6.15

A 15.00

J. P. 2.25

\$23.30

B. H.

John Pearson

vs  $\frac{3}{4}$  Bill.

Melvin Hughes et al

1879 July. Bill filed & set

Exhibits & alias amended.

" Aug. Cont'd. for O.P. & alias.

" Sept. id. alias & set on file.

Same set & O.P. Cont'd. for O.P.

" Oct. L. H. Cont'd. & Cont'd. for O.P.

" Nov. O.P. Cont'd. & Decretes.

" Dec. Decretes & set  
for hearing by Plff.

1880 Aug. Decree & Cont'd.

1881 March " "

" Aug. Cont'd.

1882, Mr. Aug & Nov. Cont'd.

1883 Mr. and Aug. filed & Cont'd.

" Aug. & Nov. Cont'd.

1884 Continued this year.

1885 Do Do

1886 Mr. & Aug. Cont'd.

" Nov. Decretes

1887 Mr. & Aug. Cont'd.

" Nov. Decree final



John Ransom Compt.

vs

John C. Key

Melvin Hughes et al vs

This cause came on this day to be heard on the bill & process ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~bill~~, and was argued by Counsel. And it at appearing that Order of Publication has been duly made published and posted against Defendant Melvin Hughes, and that process has been duly served on Defendant John C. Key, and said Defendants and each of them still failing to appear, plead answer or answer the bill is taken for confessed.

On consideration whereof it is adjudged ordered and decreed that J. W. A. D., one of this Court's Commissioners, do ascertain and report what amount the Defendant Melvin Hughes owes Plaintiff on account of the matter set forth in the bill, after doing which he will then ascertain and report what amount the Defendant John W. Key owes Defendant Hughes on account of the matter charged in the bill or otherwise.



Said Commissioner will reduce all oral  
testimony to writing and return the same  
as well as other testimony produced  
before him, with his report. Said  
Commissioner will make and file  
his report at least ten days before  
the next term of this Court, and  
this cause is continued.

John P. Mason

W. B. Beebe

Melvin Hughes

Entered 8/24

A. R. Stebbins & Co.

Entered this case

for A. R.

Aug 27/80



Virginia

At a circuit court continued and held for Lee  
county at the court house thereof on Friday the  
17th day of August 1880.

John Reaser

Plff.

vs

Melvina Hughes et al

Defrs

In chancery

x x x x x On consideration whereof it is adjudg-  
ed, ordered and decreed that J. W. Orr, one of the court's  
commissioners do ascertain and report what amount  
the defendant Melvina Hughes owes complainant  
an account of the matters set forth in the bill,  
after doing which he will ascertain and report  
what amount the defendant John W. Sleep owes  
defendant Hughes an account of the matters charged  
in the bill or otherwise. Commissioners will  
reduce all oral testimony to writing and re-  
turn the same, as well as other testimony pro-  
duced before him with his report. Said com-  
missioner will make and file his report at  
least ten days before the next term of this  
court, and the cause is continued.

A copy Test. John C. Orr. D.C.

Notice !!!

Lee County Court clerk's office. On the <sup>12<sup>th</sup></sup>~~11<sup>th</sup>~~ day  
of March 1881 I will proceed to execute the  
above decree. James W. Orr Commissioner



John Reason

25 } Copy of Deed

Wheeler Hughes et als

Executed March 1881  
1881 Finance Mills D.D.  
for J. D. Ely D.D.



The deposition of John Reesor taken before the undersigned Court in taking an account in the Chancery causes pending in Lee County Circuit Court in which John Reesor & als are Pliffs and John W. Slemp & als are defendants, <sup>Aug 17th 1882</sup>  
The said John Reesor a witness of lawful age and being first duly sworn, deposes & says. The receipt for \$39.75 executed by myself to John W. Slemp Admr. of John Slemp decd. was for hogs purchased by me at the sale of the personal property of John Slemp decd made by his executor, S. S. Slemp. At the sale of the residue of the personal property of said John Slemp decd. made after the death of his widow by his Admr. John W. Slemp myself, my wife, my son in law, my daughter and one of my sons made purchase and the same is shown on the sale bill returned by the Admr. & filed as exhibit 'C'. These purchases amount by calculation made on yesterday to \$105.85. Some time after this sale was made I executed to John W. Slemp Admr. a receipt for \$137.00, this receipt included the above sum of \$105.85, and my recollection was that a sum of money which I understood to be \$50.00, which my wife had a few years before received from said John W. Slemp, was also included in said receipt, that is my recollection was that said receipt was made up of said sum of money



and said purchases at said sale, but I find that when said two amounts are added together that it makes a larger sum than said receipt calls for. I have nothing by which I can strengthen my recollection, and I feel confident that Mr Slomp at the time said receipt for \$137<sup>00</sup> was executed paid me no money.

The forty eight-dollar receipt-presented by said John W. Slomp Admr. bearing date April 13<sup>th</sup> 1860 with my name to it was not executed by me and I never knew it was in existence until it was filed by said Admr. in this settlement. My wife had told me that she had got \$50<sup>00</sup> from said Admr. and that I must settle with him for it, and as before stated, I thought I had so settled in the execution of the \$137<sup>00</sup> receipt, and if said amount <sup>was</sup> not settled in that receipt, I never gave any receipt for it.

I was at the sale of the personal property of John Slomp, decd., made by S. S. Slomp his Executor, I recollect the sale of the black horse, and my understanding at the time was, that the widow directed that the horse should be sold as other property, and the proceeds be applied as the proceeds of the sale of the other property, and I never heard until since I came here, that the proceeds of the sale of said horse was to be invested in another horse, to the best of my knowledge. Sometime after said sale Alpha Slomp widow of John Slomp purchased a mare from me at the price of \$80<sup>00</sup> or \$85<sup>00</sup> at the time she purchased said mare, she told me she was going to pay for her herself, and she



did so, but I do not know where she got the money.

I know that Dr. A. J. Collier attended on Alpha Slump frequently during her lifetime, for the last three or four years before her death, and she frequently told me so, and she told me that she had kept Dr. Collier paid up for his said services. She also told me that she had a contract with him by which he was to charge \$1.00 per visit.

I have no recollection of going to John W. Slump's house to have a correction of \$2.00 made in the \$137.<sup>00</sup> receipt, nor have I any recollection of the \$31.00 receipt, but upon examination I find my name signed to it, and the signature looks like my hand write.

#### Question by Pettys Council -

Did you at any time before the institution of these suits or in the one of them apply to John W. Slump for a settlement of his administration account, if so state why you applied to him Barwell about it.

I at one time asked Mr. Slump if he had made settlement of his administration account in the estate of John Slump decd, and he gave me a short answer. My reason for asking the question was, that I was the security for Melina Hughes and was being pressed on her account, and she had told me that Mr. Slump Admr. was owing her and directed me to call on him for it, and if he did not pay it to bring suit against him for the same. At one time after the first mentioned suit was brought and before the last one was instituted, Mr. Slump asked me why I did not mention the matter to him or come to him about it, I replied that I had gone where I thought I ought to go, that



I had mentioned it to him at one time and he gave me no satisfaction about the matter and that I had examined the Clerk's office for his settlement with a commissioner, but found none. My motive for examining for his settlement with a commissioner, was to see whether or not there was anything due from him, <sup>as Admr.</sup> to Melinda Hughes.

And further this deponent saith not.

John Reason

I certify that the foregoing deposition of John Reason was this day taken, subscribed & sworn to before me at the time and place and for the purposes in the caption mentioned. Given under my hand this 15th day of August 1882.

James W Orr, Comr.

John Reason et als  
vs Depo of John Reason  
John W Blum et als



Virginia, Lee County, to wit.

The deposition of John W Slemp taken before the undersigned Commissioner at his office in Jonesville Va. on the 14th day of August 1882, in taking an account in the Chancery cause pending in Lee County Circuit Court in which John Reasor is Plff and Melvina Hughes et als are defts. and usually Slemp et als are Plffs and John W Slemp et als defts. The said John W Slemp a witness of lawful age and being first duly sworn deposes & says.

(25 9)

In regard to Voucher number 9 filed with Com Orr's report, filed in said causes Mar 7th 1881, and executed to by Plff John Reasor, I paid to said Isaac Hughes the sum of Thirty dollars mentioned in said receipt as the husband of Melvina Hughes and as distributee of said estate. The said Isaac Hughes executed to ~~S. S. Slemp~~ S. S. Slemp Executor of John Slemp decd. ~~as such~~ a note for property purchased by him at the sale of John Slemp's personal estate and I surrendered to him his <sup>said</sup> note and took his receipt for the amount <sup>afforesaid</sup> ~~thereof~~, which is the receipt above referred to.

The Plffs object to witness John W Slemp stating anything whatever relative to the receipt of Isaac Hughes and filed as voucher 9 with James W Orr's report & statement because the said Isaac Hughes is dead and the contract was between him and the witness, J W Slemp -  
Duncan for Plffs.



1 Question by Plffs.

Did you have any other debt against Isaac Hughes due you as sum of John Slump's share and except the amount which he purchased at the sale of John Slump's property.

Answer. I did not.

2 Question by same. Does the \$30.00 receipt marked voucher 9. Cover any other amount than the amount purchased by Hughes at the sale above referred to.

Answer. Not that I have any recollection of.

3 Question by same. Now said receipt is for thirty dollars, and Isaac Hughes purchases at John Slump's sale as shown by the sale bill only amounts to \$18.75. Can you explain how the balance between \$18.75 and \$30.00 was paid or what made up said amount of \$30.00?

Answer. I cannot explain how the balance between \$18.75 and \$30.00 was paid. My recollection is that the note turned over to me by the Administrators of J. S. Slump's decd. amounted to \$30.00, and for that sum I took said Hughes receipt when I surrendered to him his said note.

(V 12+13)

In regard to Vouchers Nos 12+13 executed by Alpha Slump to me as Admin of John Slump decd. for \$67.50 Apr 15th 1860 and \$15.00 Apr 27th 1860, they were



both wholly written by me including her signature, but she made her mark to each of her signatures to said receipts as shown thereon, and acknowledged the making of her said marks as her signatures to said receipts.

At the time of the sale of the property of John Slomp by S. S. Slomp his Executor, there were two horses, and the said Alpha Slomp widow of said decedent, consented for one of said horses to be sold, and it was sold, and S. S. Slomp became the purchaser at the price of \$186.00, the said Alpha Slomp then as the other horse was not gentle, consented that it should be sold also, and that the Executor should furnish her another horse in lieu thereof, and that horse was sold to A. J. Datson for \$90.00, and after I was appointed Administrator I paid to said Alpha Slomp the sum of \$75.00 see Vouchers Nos 12 & 13, for the purchase of <sup>of reimbursing her for</sup> ~~the horse she had contributed to the sale of~~ ~~the horse she had contributed to the sale of~~ ~~as aforesaid.~~ ~~and which she was to hold in lieu of the one sold by her consent at the sale.~~

The Petts object to any statement by John H. Slomp of Transactions contracts or agreements between himself and Alpha Slomp because she the said Alpha the other contracting party is dead, and for this reason all of witness's testimony with regard to said



receipts filed as vouchers 12. & 13 is inadmissible and therefore objected to.

Decree for Pliffs

4<sup>th</sup> Question by Pliffs. Was it not the understanding between Alpha Samp. Widow of John Samp. deceased and his Executors and heirs on the day of the sale of John Samp's property that the property then sold including the horse sold to A. J. Dutton was to be sold and the proceeds thereof to be distributed among his heirs free from any claim to or by said Alpha his widow?

Answer. I heard nothing said about it, only she asked the executor to sell the horse and take the proceeds and buy her a more gentle one. The Executor died before the sale money became due, and when I was appointed Admin. I tried to carry out the wish of my mother in regard to the matter, and hence made said two payments to her.

5<sup>th</sup> Question by same. Then can you explain how it is that the note for the amount the black horse brought was executed to the Executors and not to the said Alpha herself.

Answer. The horse was appraised with the other property, and she requested that he should be sold as before stated, and another one bought with the proceeds, and I can give no further explanation.



6 Question by same. Did the Administrator or Executor purchase a horse for her in lieu of the horse sold, or did she purchase a horse for herself & agree to pay for it herself? or how was the matter transacted?

Answer. She got a horse, but I do not know who bought it. I paid her the said sums toward paying for it.

(Creech Debt)

In regard to exceptions No. 2, filed by Plff to Comr. Orr's report. - The debt against Elias & Ira Creech was created by said Creech as he coming security for A. J. Detson for property purchased by him at the sale of John Slump's property, amounting to about \$118<sup>00</sup>, and said Detson's note with said Creech's security, was placed by me in the hands of P. Hagan for collection, and said Hagan collected and paid to me said debt, and said debt is charged to me in the sale bill and should not be charged again. Mr Hagan collected <sup>& paid to me</sup> about \$50<sup>00</sup> of this money a short time before the war, <sup>I do not remember whether</sup> and I had paid to Alpha Slump the \$75<sup>00</sup> above mentioned, before I collected this ~~debt~~ amount from Mr Hagan or soon after. As to the balance of the debt, Mr Hagan collected it after the war, and retained for his services the sum of \$10<sup>00</sup> and also the legal fee, which is Voucher No 43.

(V. 17+18)

In regard to Vouchers Nos 17+18 excepted to by



Pleff. - A short time before G. W. Slomp left this country, he paid to Sarah Richie & Melvina Hughes each one seventh of a note he owed to the estate of John Slomp decd. but took no receipt for the same, and on the 17th day of March 1860, I caused the said Sarah Richie & Melvina Hughes to execute a receipt for their parts of said note which is Voucher Nos 17 & 18, and at the same time I paid to said distributees each the sum of \$30<sup>00</sup>, for which, through mistake, I took no receipt; The said \$60<sup>00</sup> was part of the money paid me by Mr. Hagan. The note of said G. W. Slomp above referred to, and on account of which he made said payments to said Sarah Richie & Melvina Hughes is the same note for \$100.72 charged to me in <sup>the</sup> Inventory marked "B".

The said paper, Vouchers Nos 17 & 18, was written by John Richie, a young man and son of said Sarah Richie, and I told him at the time it was not right, and the said Sarah Richie & Melvina Hughes remarked that they would make it all right and that I should not be hurt by it, and I thereupon accepted it in the present shape.

8 Question Pleff. - You state that the paper marked as Voucher No 17 & 18 was executed in your presence by Sarah Richie & Melvina Hughes. Can you tell who signed each of Their names



To it?

Answer I do not recollect who signed them but it may have been young John Ritchie.

9<sup>th</sup> Question. Where was said paper executed?

Answer. It was executed at John Ritchie's house in Hancock County, Tenn., and the said Malvina Hughes lived at that time near to the said Ritchie. The said Sarah & Malvina were both present at the time of the execution of the paper.  
10<sup>th</sup> Question by same. Did you read said receipt after it was executed. If so how did it happen that you took it with no statement in it in regard to the \$30 which you claim you then and there paid to each of them.

Answer. I do not recollect whether I read it or not, but young Ritchie read it to me, and I then informed them that it was not right, and the said Sarah & Malvina told me, as above stated that I should lose nothing.

(28 ) In regard to Voucher No. this day presented by me, which is the receipt of Dr. A. J. Bellier for Ten dollars, and which is excepted to by Plaff



John Reesor; while I can not state definitely in regard to the particular services charged for in said account, I do remember that said Collier did, <sup>frequently</sup> attend upon, and render medical services to, said Alpha Slomp after the death of her husband and during her lifetime, and I have paid to said Collier said sum of ten dollars, and claim credit therefor.

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In regard to Voucher No 7 which purports to be a receipt of John Reesor for \$48<sup>00</sup> dated April 13th 1860, executed to me as Admin of the Estate of John Slomp decd, the facts in relation thereto are, as follows; about the time that receipt bears date Alpha Slomp, my mother, and Susan Reesor wife of John Reesor, came to my house and wanted some money, the said Alpha Slomp wanting money on account of her horse sold at the sale, and the said Susan Reesor wanting money on her distributive share of said estate. I thereupon paid to Mother fifty two dollars, and I paid to Susan Reesor the sum of forty eight dollars. Mrs Reesor could not write her own name and I wrote the entire receipt and by her direction I signed the name of John Reesor her husband thereto, and she at the same time said "my husband will have to settle with and account to you for the same". As to the receipt



(V. 25)

of John Reazor, to 26, to me as such Admr. dated Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1866, and for \$137<sup>00</sup>, my recollection in regard thereto is, that I as such Admr. at the date of said receipt held evidences of debts against said Reazor amounting to that sum, less two dollars, and that when that receipt was executed to me by Mr. Reazor, I surrendered to him such evidences of debt, and this is the Consideration for which said receipt was executed. And soon after it was executed, said Reazor claimed that there was a mistake in said receipt of \$2<sup>00</sup> and I on examination of our settlement, found that such a mistake had been made, but that receipt was not corrected, but at a subsequent time, to wit, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1869, I paid to said John Reazor the further sum of \$33<sup>00</sup>, and took his receipt only for the sum of \$31<sup>00</sup>, thereby correcting said error in the first mentioned receipt. The said John Reazor now admits that the said receipt for \$137<sup>00</sup> is wholly in his hand writing and signed by him.

(V. 38)

be as examined by Plaintiffs.

Questions by Plaintiff. Can you state how long Mr. Stephen Sump lived & the medical services rendered by Dr. Collier as charged in his account. This day presented by you, were rendered.



Answer. I see by inspecting said account that said services for report to have been rendered in April 1861, and according to my best recollection Alpha Slump died in April 1866.

Question by same. Is it not a fact that Alpha Slump was a woman who was prompt to pay all debts contracted by her.

Answer. I never heard any complaint to the contrary.

Question by same. Is it not a fact that Dr Collier frequently rendered Medical services to Mrs Alpha Slump after April 1861.

Answer. I think he did.

Question by same. How did he ever present any account to you against her for such services or for any other services except those charged in the account dated April 1861.

Answer. He did not.

Question by same. You state that at the time John Reason presented the receipt for \$137.00 that you held evidences of debt against him amounting to that sum less two dollars. Now will you please state what those evidences of debt were and.



how you come to hold them

Answer. My recollection is that it was the amount of his purchases at the sale, and I may have paid him some money, but if I did, I do not now remember it.

Question by same. If you had paid him any money at that time don't you think you would recollect it.

Answer. I do not know, it has been a long time ago.

Question by same. Has it not been your distinct recollection all the time that said receipt was executed for the amount of purchases made by said Reason and his family at the sale of your Mother's property? and did you ever think anything else until you ascertained by calculation on yesterday, that said purchases only amounted to \$100.85 while the receipt is for \$137.00?

Answer. That was my impression, that said receipt was for the amount of said purchases, and I never thought anything else until said calculation was made, and I now cannot account for the discrepancy, unless I paid him money of which I now have no recollection.

Question by same. Did John Reason ever make any claims to you that there was an



error in the \$137.00 receipt?

Answer My family told me he had claimed to them that there was an error of two dollars in said receipt and afterwards I examined the papers and found that there was an error of that sum and I afterwards corrected it by paying <sup>him</sup> \$33.00 and taking his receipt for \$31.00

Question by same. Do you recollect what papers you examined by which you found said error if so please state what papers it was?

Answer It was papers I had against him of mother's estate and as before stated I may have paid him some money but if I did so I do not recollect it at this time.

Question by same. How long after you were appointed Administrator of John Slump until you applied to S.S. Slump's Administrators for the papers pertaining to John Slump's estate or did you apply to them for them at all?

Answer - I did apply to said S.S. Slump's Administrators for all the papers pertaining to John Slump's estate and I made this application very soon after I was ap-



appointed Administrator of John Slump's estate.  
 Question by same. How you charged  
 yourself with and accounted for in this  
 settlement all the papers, evidences of  
 debt &c. turned over to you by said J. S.  
 Slump's Administrator.

Answer. - I have, with the exception of a  
 small debt on Jacob Brett, which I warranted  
 on, and it was returned no property found,  
 and has long since been returned to the Clerk's  
 office as an insolvent debt.

At the sale of Alpha Slump's property, James W.  
 Collier brought in to the amount of \$6.84 accord-  
 ing to the sale bill, for that sum I warranted him  
 and he claimed offset, and the Justice before  
 whom the claim was tried, allowed his effect  
 covering the amount for which I warranted  
 him except as to the sum of \$1.75, for which I  
 obtained judgment, and collected only that sum  
 from said Collier, and for the amount of the  
 offset \$5.09 I claim a credit.

James H. Reesor, now dead, acted as auctioneer  
 at the sale of my mother's property, and charged  
 therefor the sum of \$1.10, and he brought property  
 at the said sale to the amount of \$1.10, and I  
 took his receipt for said sum, but have lost  
 or mislaid said receipt, so it can not now be  
 found, and I claim a credit therefor.



(V. 26)

On the 5th day of November 1866, I paid to Melvina Hughes as one of the distributees of said estate the sum of \$88.25 - as shown by the paper filed as Voucher No 26, with Comr. Orr's former report, this money was paid to her and the receipt executed at the time, but I do not now remember who wrote the receipt - or who signed her name thereto, and neither the receipt nor the signature thereto is in my handwriting.

At the sale of my mother's property Mrs Hughes and her son-in-law John Farley, bought property which amounted to something about \$60.00, and on the 20th day of Nov 1866, I paid Mrs Hughes as well as I now remember about \$15.00 in cash and the said purchases together with the cash thus paid amounted in the aggregate to \$72.24 and a receipt for that sum was thereupon executed to me for that sum, and this receipt is Voucher

(No 35)

No 35 with Comr. Orr's first report. The body of this receipt is in my handwriting, and the signature thereto is not, and I do not remember who signed said receipts, but the said Melvina was present at the time of the execution of each of said receipts and recognized them to be correct and to be her act and deed.

Question by J. P. J.

Is it not a fact that the eighty five



dollars and Twenty five cents embraced in the receipt numbered voucher 26, was money you had before that time paid to Melvina Hughes towards her interest in the negroes of your father's estate. Answer I let her have the money at the date of receipt. They had promised to let me have the Negroes if they did not pay the money back and they never did pay it back.

Question by same. Are you not mistaken about the date at which you let Melvina Hughes have this money now, had you not let her have the money, ~~any~~ before, the Negroes were freed and that afterwards when you found Negroes were freed that you took this receipt to cover the amount that you had let them have towards their Negroes.

Answer She had promised to let me have her interest in the Negroes and I had let her have that money towards paying her for the same and it may be that she had got the money before the date of the receipt. I think I let Mrs Hughes have this money in the lifetime of her husband & before



Hughes and my recollection now is that Isaac Hughes died about or just before the war closed Question by same - Did you have a Contract with Mr. & Mrs Hughes for the purchase of Three negroes?

Answer No further than this, I let them have this money, and they promised me the refusal of Three negroes ~~and if they sold them at all~~ ~~was to let me have them if they did not for the money made to me.~~

At the sale of Alpha Slemp's property, Hually Slemp bought some small articles which were charged to him on the sale bill amounting to \$2.75, his wife bought property amounting to \$2.30, his son S. S. Slemp bought property amounting to \$18.85 and his son John Slemp bought property amounting to \$88.02, all of which appears upon the sale bill. My understanding at the time was that the property bought by said John Slemp was bought for himself & Hually Slemp, and I knew the fact that the latter ~~kept~~ a cupboard bought by the former which cost \$17.00 and a cow which cost \$26.00, and when the said John Slemp came to execute his note for his said purchases he gave his father as security, and the said John told me he made his said purchases for himself and his said father. And the note executed by John included the purchases made by the said Hually



and also his wife. My recollection now is that S. S. Slomp gave his note with his father as security, but I can not state positively the fact as to who became his security, and these notes so executed I have lost or mislaid so I can not now find them.

These several purchases amount in the aggregate to \$111.92, and this I have always regarded as a payment to said Qually on his distributive share of said estate, and now claim credit for the same as of the date when said notes became due. Voucher As 5, with Comr Orr's first report is said Qually Slomp's receipt for \$80.70 to me as such Admr., and was given for the amount of property purchased by him at the sale of John Slomp's property made by S. S. Slomp his Executor amounting to \$30.70, and \$50.00 in cash which I paid to him on the day said receipt-bears date.

Question by Pltff. Is it not a fact that all the parties above mentioned to wit Qually Slomp, John Slomp, and S S Slomp are all good for the amounts purchased by them at said sale Admr. I think they are.

And further this deponent saith not.

John W Slomp



John Reason et als

vs Depo of Deft. Slump

John W. Slump et als.



John Reason Campbell

vs

In Chancery

Melvin Hughes et al depts

John Reason the Complainant in the above styled suit states that he believes the claim for which he has instituted the Aforesaid suit against <sup>said</sup> Melvin Hughes is just. That he believes he ought to recover from said Melvin <sup>that he has present cause of action therefore</sup> Hughes at least the sum of \$200. That the said Melvin Hughes is a non-resident of this State and that he, the said John Reason, truly believes the said Melvin Hughes has estate or debts due her in Lee County Va

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1879

John Reason

Sworn and subscribed by John Reason <sup>before me</sup> this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1879

Z. W. Orr Jr. J.C.



Reason

or in Affidavit

Hughes et al.



John Pearson Compt  
vs  
Melvina Stoghs et al  
In Chy:

John Pearson states he believes the claim for which he has instituted the above styled suit is just, that he ought to recover <sup>from</sup> ~~and is entitled to~~ the amount of \$ at the least in the said suit, against the said Melvina Stoghs

J. M. Orr Esq, D.C.



Virginia Wise County to wit:

This day Patrick Hagan personally appeared before me and made oath that within the last few years he prosecuted a suit in the said Circuit Court. in favor of John W. Skeph admr. of John Skeph deceased against Sebas & Ira Bauch as he now remembers for about \$                      when paid. He understood from said Skeph and others that said debt had been paid to said Skeph administrator.

Patrick Hagan



Reason  
& affidavit  
of J. P. Hagon  
Hughes & Co



Virginia, Lee Circuit Court,

John Reesor.

Plaintiff

In chancery.

Melina Hughes et al Defendant

The undersigned Commissioner in this cause who was by a decree therein, directed, to ascertain and report what amount the defendant Melina Hughes owes the plaintiff, and to report what amount the defendant John W Slemp owes said Melina Hughes. Respectfully reports. I have on this 9th day of March 1881, proceeded to ascertain what amount debt Slemp owes defendant Melina Hughes. Your Honor will perceive that in plaintiff's bill it is alleged that defendant John W Slemp was appointed Adm'r of Alpha Slemp deceased, and I presume the expected liability existing against him in favor of Melina Hughes was supposed to have arisen out of his administration of the Estate of said Alpha Slemp deceased, who was the widow of John Slemp decd, but on examination of the records I can not find that said Slemp ever qualified as such administrator, but I do find that said Slemp qualified as Administrator of the estate of his father the said John W Slemp decd, and as your Commissioner is simply directed in the decree to ascertain and report what amount the defendant John W Slemp owes the defendant Melina Hughes without any reference to any particular transaction giving rise to said indebtedness, Your commi-



ssioner proceeded to state and settle the administration account of said John W. Slensf Admr of John Slensf decd, a statement of which is herewith filed ~~filed~~ marked "O", and by reference thereto it will be seen that the Admr. has overpaid his liability to said Est. Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1870, \$1.06, Your commissioner has prepared and files herewith marked "N," a statement showing the Admr's standing with each of the heirs of said John ~~W~~ Slensf decd, by which it will be seen that the Admr. owes Hilley Slensf \$70.52; that he has overpaid John Reasor on account of his wife's interest, and as assignee of <sup>part of</sup> G. W. Slensf's interest \$44.69; that he has overpaid Melvina Hughes \$60.33; that he yet owes Sarah Ritchie \$12.16; that he owes or should retain for himself as distributee \$63.18; that he has overpaid S. S. Slensf in his lifetime and to his heirs since his death \$41.90. There was for distribution among seven heirs the sum of \$1058.54, which gave to each the sum of \$151.22. It appears from the records of Lee County court that S. S. Slensf on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1858, was appointed, and qualified, as Executor of the will of John Slensf deceased, and on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1858 caused the personal property of his Testator to be appraised, and on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1858 sold said property, and as your Commissioner is informed by the Admr. the said S. S. Slensf soon after said sale and before the sale money fell due departed this life, and at the June term 1859, of said County



court the said John W Slump qualified as administrator de bonis non of said John Slump deceased.

The said John Slump in his will bequeathed his personal property to his wife, Alpha, during her life, and at her death to be sold and distributed among his heirs, and the sale of property made by the said S. S. Slump was by her consent as I am informed by the said John W Slump and after the death of Alpha Slump & on the 5th day of May 1856 the said John W Slump as Admr of John Slump decd exposed to sale the personal property left by the said Alpha, and as will be seen your Comr has treated the entire matter, so far as John W Slump is connected with it, as the administration of said John W Slump's Est, charging said Admr, or he charging himself, with the sale bill made by said S. S. Slump, an Inventory of notes that came to his hands herewith filed marked "B" and the Sale bill made by himself, after the death of Alpha Slump, which the Admr states is all the estate that came into his hands, Copies of said Sale bills are herewith filed marked "A" & "C", respectively, I have given the Admr Credit for 8 per cent Commission and for disbursements made by him &c, resulting as before stated. Just at this stage of the proceedings, the Plaintiff appeared before your Commissioner, the defendant John W Slump having left, and alleged that there were other debts due the estate of John Slump decd at the time of his death, which are shown in the appraisement bill



of his property, and which the said John W. Slough Admr.  
has not charged himself with, which ought to be  
either charged to S. S. Slough Executor or to John W. Slough  
Admr. of said Estate, and asked your Court, to leave the  
matter in <sup>such</sup> shape that he can be heard hereafter.

Your commissioner therefore submits what he has done  
for what it is worth, not having <sup>even</sup> ascertained what  
amount defendant Melina Hughes owes the plaintiff.

Respectfully submitted.

James W. Orr. Clerk.

John Reaser  
vs J. W. Orr's Report  
Melina Hughes et al  
Filed Mar 9<sup>th</sup> 1881.  
James W. Orr. clk.

Court's fee \$10.50



A Sale Bill of John Slemp's property deceased  
September 9<sup>th</sup> 1858.

Andrew J. Datsou	To 1 black horse	90.00
Isaac Hughes	" 1 cow & calf	8.75
Thomas Datsou	" 1 Do	3.75
Thomas A. Legg	" 1 Do	11.25
Same	" 1 calf	3.25
John Reason	" 4 Hogs	39.75
Wally Slemp	" 6 Do	28.50
Same	" Steel Trap	2.20
Silas Creech	" 1 cow & 8 pigs	16.00
Henry C. Slemp	" 8 head of Sheep	8.75
Andrew J. Datsou	" 1 bed and furniture	28.00
James W. Whisman	" 1 Do	8.25
Wm J. L. Barron	" 1 shot Gun	4.00
John Morris	" 1 Rifle Gun	5.50
David Clinger Dr.	" 1 set Iron tools	.50
Sebastian S. Slemp	" 1 Gray horse	86.00
Virginia,	Total	\$478.01

At a court of quarter session con-  
tinued and held for Lee County at  
the court house thereof, on Wednes-  
day, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 1860.

A sale bill of the <sup>personal</sup> property of John Slemp  
deceased, was this day returned to  
court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste- H. J. Morgan C. C.

A copy. Teste- John C. Orr, D. C.



John Blumfeldt.  
copy of  
Sale Bill.

A

Clerk's fee 30 cts



Inventory of Estate that came to the hands of  
John W. Slough Admin of John Slough deceased.

Note on J. W. Slough due Jan'y 27 <sup>th</sup> 1849 for	\$100.72
Interest thereon to Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> 1859.	\$ 64.30
Note on S. S. Slough due Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> 1856 for	64.71
Interest thereon to Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> 1859.	13.75
Note on James M. Clarkston due ----- for	1.50
<del>Add</del> cash on hand at death of widow John W. Slough	\$ 78.05, 167.13 1.25
	Admin.



John W. Slensford Admr  
of John Slensford decd.

Inventories

B.



Sale Bill of Alpha Slump deceased, sold on  
 the 5th day of May 1866, and due six months after  
 date of sale to wit:

1 Bread Tray	to Alex Ritchie	.25
1 Iron sieve	" J. W. Slump	.16
1 pr. sweeping bars	" Margaret Slump	.10
1 Kitchen Table	" Anderson Rhoads	.25
1 Meat sack	" Isaac Rice	.70
1 bunch of tow thread	" Alex Ritchie	.63
1 Scrub Broom	" M. G. Parkey	.05
1 Bridle	" Same	.10
1 Iron Wedge	" Thomas Legg	.51
1 Scoop of soap	" A. J. Estep	1.00
1 " " "	" Alex Ritchie	3.10
1 " " "	" A. J. Estep	.25
1 Tub of Salt	" John Slump	3.20
1 Tub of Vingar	" M. G. Parkey	.65
1 Tub of corn	" John Miller	2.35
1 Tea Kettle & coffee pot	" John Farley	.60
1 Candle Stick	" Susan Rhoads	.25
1 Claw Hammer	" Dr. Astor	.25
1 Smoothing Iron	" C. Slump	1.00
1 Small Lock	" John B. Bailey	.15
1 set of Saws & Gears	" M. G. Parkey	1.05
1 " " " " "	" A. J. Estep	.50
1 Sled	" Melvina Hughes	.25
1 set Saws & Gears	" Anderson Rhoads	.25
10 bus. corn @ 76 cts per bu.	" Isaac J. Willis	7.60



# Amount Brought Forward.

10 bu corn @ 77 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts pr bu.	Lo Melvina Hughes	7.70
1 bat of 50" Bacon @ 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c	" A. J. Estes	8.75
1 " " 77 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ c	" Alex <sup>r</sup> Willis	11.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 " " 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " 17 $\frac{1}{2}$	" Isaac W Leallier	6.84
1 " " Joles &c	" A. J. Estes	3.10
1 " " 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ Bacon @ 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ c	" Sarah McKinnis	10.16 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 " " 25 " " 10 c	" Melvina Hughes	2.50
1 " " 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ c	" A. J. Hart	6.36 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 Man's Saddle	" J. W. Slump	1.00
1 Bat wheat @ 1.91 cts pr bu.	" M. G. Parker	
1 cask of Sugar	" Isaac Rice	1.37
1 " " Do	" John Slump	1.62
1/2 " " Do	" B. F. Thompson	.67
1 Lin Box	" J. W. Slump	.45
1 pr Studyard	" Marion Wells	1.05
6 chains	" C. Slump	3.25
1 Tub of Lard	" Marion Wells	4.20
1 Chest	" John Riddle	4.00
3 Hand Sawells	" Marion Wells	40
1 candle stand cover	" Same	10
3 Hand Sawells	" Same	30
3 Table clothes	" Melvina Hughes	75
3 Table clothes	" John Willis	1.70
3 Sheets	" C. Slump	90
2 Do	" Melvina Hughes	1.50
4 Pillow Slips	" John Slump	1.40

Amount brought Forward.

684  
175  
509



# Account Brought forward

3 Pillow Slips	to Margaret Slump	95
4 Hand towels	" Susan Reaser	25
2 Table cloths	" Andrew Williams	3.55
2 Do. Do.	" Susan Reaser	3.45
2 "	" Melvina Hughes	1.50
1 " "	" John Slump	1.50
1 counter pin	" Melvina Hughes	3.00
1 " "	" Susan Reaser	1.50
1 Spread	" Rebecca Stout	1.20
1 " "	" Same	1.00
1 Lay chain	" Geo. Kelly	2.75
1 Matlock	" W. C. Slump	.75
2 Saw	" Jas Caldwell	1.00
1 Saw	" Melvina Hughes	57 1/2
1 cat of Saw	" J. W. Slump	.50
1 Ax	" Alex. Ritchie	.75
1 Ax	" John Farley	1.00
1 Bat + Hoall	" Melvina Hughes	.75
1 Oven + lid	" Rebecca Stout	.50
1 " + "	" Susan Reaser	.60
1 Basket	" Alex. Ritchie	1.50
1 Skillet	" J. W. Slump	.25
1 Brass Buckett	" Susan Reaser	1.60
1 long Kettle	" C. Slump	2.00
1 Small Kettle	" John Farley	3.25
1 Shovel, plow, clevis + single tree	" John Slump	1.85
Account Brought forward		



Amount Brought forward			\$
1 Suffer	to H. C. Slump	18.25	
1 cow & calf	" Lallie Richie	38.00	
1 cow	" John Slump	26.00	
1 calf	" Henderson Reaser	5.25	
5 Hogs	" John Slump	26.50	
1 cow & 7 pigs	" John Reaser	17.50	
5 Choice Sheep	" Sebastian Slump	15.25	
5 Next choice	" Rebecca Stout	10.75	
1 grind Stone	" Marion Wells	.75	
1 Man & calf	" C. Slump	20.00	
1 Hide Raw & dry	" John	3.00	
1 pr dog irons	" C. Slump	.50	
1 put Rack	" Rebecca Stout	1.00	
1 pr. fire dogs	" Alex. Ritchie	2.50	
1 Shovel & Packer	" Rebecca Stout	.75	
1 half bushel	" A. G. Estep	.65	
1 Large wheel	" C. Slump	1.00	
2 Jars	" Dr. Aston	1.85	
2 Crocks	" Melvina Hughes	1.10	
2 "	" C. Slump	1.00	
3 "	" Mrs. Hart	.35	
1 pr. Saddle packets	" John W. Morris	4.15	
1 Jar & Gallon	" James H. Reaser	.65	
Basket & lot of scrap irons	" Sebastian Slump	1.55	
1 Ladies Saddle & cover	" Susan Reaser	6.00	
1 Pewter Dish	" David Cook	.85	
Amount carried forward			\$220.88 1/2



Amount carried forward		420.88 1/2
1 Wash Pan	To J. W. Slump	.25
1 Large Pan	" John Farley	1.00
1 Cloth Brush	" J. W. Slump	.25
1 Glass Shovel	" Jas. M. Flannery	3.00
1 Loom	" Susan Reaser	.80
1 Small Wheel	" Thomas Legg	3.21
1 Candle Stand	" Susan Barker	.25
1 Piece of Sall Leather	" Salomon Wells	1.40
1 sheep skin - dressed	" M. B. Farley	.31
1 Side of Sall Leather	" Melvina Hughes	5.30
1 Tin Bucket + lid	" J. W. Slump	.60
1 Pr. hors + blind bridle	" John Slump	4.65
1 Cat Trap	" Marion Wells	.35
1 Half tin fire	" Jas. Calderon	.50
1 Scythe + cutting knife	" John Barker	.30
1 Loom	" Isaac Walker	3.25
1 Coffee Mill	" John Slump	.00
1 Reel	" James Mills	1.34
1 Meal sifter	" Alex. Ritchie	.60
1 Grain Sieve	" Thomas Legg	.10
1 Plug Tobacco	" Isaac Rice	.30
1 Bed quilt	" J. W. Slump	1.50
1 Bed Blanket	" Susan Reaser	2.25
1 Quilt	" Lissie Slump	1.35
1 Cover lid	" Melvina Hughes	1.00
2 Twine Balls	" J. W. Slump	.20
1 Cat Medicine	" J. W. Slump	.35
Amount brought forward		



# Amount Brought forward

1 Bed	Go. Gallie Ritchie	38.00
1 Bed	" Melvina Hughes	41.00
1 Bed	" Susan Reaser	42.00
1 Lat Thread	" Susan Barber	1.00
1 " " "	" " "	1.38
1 " " "	" Geo. Kelley	2.30
1 " " "	" J. W. Slump	2.50
1 Bridle	" Sebastian Slump	.75
1 Bar + Brush	" Isaac Rice	.10
1 for scissors	" Mrs. Hart	.40
1 cupboard	" John Slump	17.00
1 Chack	" Isaac V. Miller	2.10
1 Fly Brush	" Alpha Reaser	.30
1 Bureau	" J. W. Slump	39.00
1 water	" C. Slump	.15
1 looking glass	" Hualley Slump	1.15
1 writing table	" J. W. Slump	5.10
2 hair brushes + cup + hammer	" Sebastian Slump	.15
laundress snuffers + ring	" Geo. Legg	.31
1 table + oil cloth	" Mrs. D. Vinsel	2.10
1 carpet	" Susan Reaser	3.00
1 Rocking chair	" Lamm	1.20
4 chairs	" Sebastian Slump	1.15
1 Pitcher	" Lizzie Slump	.95
1 Bowl	" Mrs. Tyler	.65
1 Cream Pitcher	" Jas. H. Reaser	.45
Amount carried forward		



# Amount Brought forward

1 Cream Pitcher	Lo J. W. Slump	.65
1 glass tumbler	" Same	.15
1 Dish & preserve Dish	" Melvina Hughes	.75
1 Glass dish Spoons &c	" Sallie Ritchie	.25
3 Dishes	" Susan Pearson	.70
1 Glass tumbler	" Rebecca Stout	.15
1 Set Plates	" George Lully	.25
4 plates	" Mrs. Tyler	.80
1 Sugar bowl & dish	" John B. Gilley	.35
3 Tea cups & 4 Saucers	" Susan Pearson	.35
5 plates	" Susan Barker	.20
1 Bowl	" Same	.05
1 Sugar bowl	" Same	.20
1 Set Tea cups & saucers	" John Farley	.75
1 Table	" Mrs. Tyler	7.30
1 Set Tea cups, plates & butter saucers	" Same	.70
1 Bunch of cotton	" John Slump	4.25
1 " " " Do	" Anderson Rhia	1.15
1 set knives & forks	" Sallie Ritchie	1.20
1 Razor & Strop	" Salomon Mills	.20
1 " " "	" Alex. Ritchie	.25
1 comb & hairnet	" C. Slump	.43
1 Sheet	" John B. Gilley	1.30
1 Sheet & Bed Spread	" Alpha Pearson	2.65
2 Blankets	" J. W. Slump	6.00
1 Bible	" Melvina Hughes	.50

Amount Brought forward



Amount Carried forward		
2 Books	Yo. Russell Smith	30
3 Books	" Same	30
2 Books	" Isaac Rice	20
10 Choice chickens @ 15c	" Hually Slump	1.50
Remainder of chickens @ 10c	" Same	1.00
40 United		1.00
J. W. S.	Total amount of Sale Bill	\$692.50
May 5, 1866.	John W. Slump Adm'r	
Admitted into Record		

Lee county court clerks office, the 7th day of July 1866. The foregoing Sale Bill of the personal property of Alpha Slump deceased being duly stamped, was this day admitted to record.

Teste - William S. Paul, D.C.

A copy.

Teste John C. Ornduff

Alpha Slump decd.  
Sale Bill  
Copy

Adms Fee \$2.25-



Statement showing the standing of John W. Slensh Admr.  
of John Slensh decd. with the heirs.

Total fund for distribution	\$1058.54
Divided among seven heirs gives to each	\$151.22

Hual Slensh has been paid \$87.70, yet due him	70.52
G. W. Slensh has been paid \$91.38 yet due him	
and assigned to John Reazor \$59.84	
John Reazor has been paid \$255.75 Overpaid him	44.69
Melinda Hughes has been paid \$211.55 " " her	60.33
Sarah Ritchie " " " \$139.06 yet due her	12.16
John W. Slensh " retained \$88.04 " " him	63.18
S. S. Slensh's heirs have been paid \$193.12 Overpaid them	41.70
Admr overpaid his account	1.06
	\$146.92 \$146.92



John W Slensh. Admr  
of John Slensh decd.  
Statement showing Standing  
with the heirs.

N



John W Slensf Admr of John Slensf deceased.		In account with said Estate		Dr.
1859.	Sept 9"	Lo amt of Sale Bill due Sept 9" 1859. "A".		475.01
	" "	" " " Principal of Inventory marked "B".		167.13
	" "	" " " Interest in said Inventory \$78.05-		
		Total Pr assets Sept 9" 1859.		\$642.14
	1.	By this sum paid H. J. Morgan clerk's fee	\$ 2.60	
	2.	" " " " Same " "	3.75	
	3.	" " " " Jonathan Richmond, witness,	1.50	
	4.	" " " " U. G. Hyatt for coffin	7.00	
		" 8 per cent com on \$14.85 disbursed	1.18	
		" this sum unaccounted for this year to square	626.11	642.14
1860.	Sept 9"	Lo this sum unaccounted for last year.		626.11
	" "	" " " Interest thereon one year \$37.56		
	5.	By " " paid Hualsey Slensf, Distributee,	80.70	
	6.	" " " " G. W. Slensf, "	91.38	
	7.	" " " " John Reasor, "	48.00	
	8.	" " " " Clerk of Wise county,	4.09	
	9.	" " " " Isaac Hughes, Distributee,	30.00	
	10.	" " " " G. W. Vance for Tomb Stones,	15.00	
	11.	" " " " Clerk of Wise county court	.68	
	12.	" " " " Alpha Slensf, Apr 27" 1860.	18.00	
	13.	" " " " Alpha Slensf, " 15" "	57.00	
	14.	" " " " John Reasor Distributee	39.75	
	15.	" " " " Wm N G Barron Jan 5" 1860.	3.10	
	16.	" " " " John Ritchie, Distributee,	30.00	
	17.	" " " " Sarah Ritchie "	24.06	
	18.	" " " " Melvin Hughes "	24.06	
		" 8 per cent com on \$465.82 disbursed	37.26	
		" this sum in Admr's hands to square	123.03	626.11



1862. Sept 9"	To and Principal Debits first forward		\$123.03
" "	Interest on Inventory " " as Pr.		78.05
" "	Other Interest " " \$37.56		
" "	Interest on Pr two years 14.76		
	Total Principal Sept 9" 1862.		\$201.08
19.	By this sum paid Taxes for 1862 \$11.73 Sealed to	4.69	
20	" " " retained by Admr as Distributee	88.04	
"	" 8 per cent Com' on \$92.73 disbursed	7.41	
"	" this sum unaccounted for to square	100.94	201.08
1866 Sept 9"	To this sum of Principal unaccounted for Sept 9" 1862.		100.94
" "	" " Interest thereon to Sept 9" 1866 \$24.22		
21.	By this sum paid Taxes for 1866, two tickets	4.62	
22	" " " " H. J. Morgan Clerk's fee	2.30	
"	" 8 per cent com' on \$6.92 disbursed	55	
"	" this sum unaccounted for to square	73.47	
1867. Sept 9"	To this sum of Pr unaccounted for last year.		73.47
" "	" " Interest thereon one year. \$5.60		
" "	" amount of Sale Bill of Alpha Slomp's Property, widow of John Slomp, due to 5/76.		692.56
	Total Principal assets, Sept 9" 1867.		\$786.03
23.	By this sum paid Alpha Halum, Distributee.	17.00	
24.	" " " " Wm N. C. Barron.	1.25	
25.	" " " " John Reason Distributee.	137.00	
26.	" " " " Melvina Hughes "	85.25	
27.	" " " " Taxes for 1867.	6.33	
28.	" " " " Jonathan Richmond	7.24	
29.	" " " " Henry C Slomp, Distributee.	17.00	
30.	" " " " Campbell Slomp. "	18.05	
"	" 8 per cent Com' on \$289.12, disbursed.	23.12	
"	" this sum unaccounted for to square.	473.79	786.03



1868.	Sept 9"	To this sum of Pr unaccounted for last year.			\$473.79
	"	"	Interest thereon one year	\$28.42	
31.	By	"	paid C. C. J. Aston.	10.00	
32.	"	"	" Sarah Ritchie, Distributee.	85.00	
33.	"	"	" John C. Olinger, appraiser.	1.00	
34.	"	"	" Wm S Morgan	7.50	
35.	"	"	" Melvina Hughes, Distributee.	72.24	
36.	"	"	" David Gollaway	5.00	
37.	"	"	" Isamu W Collier	1.75	
	"	8 per cent com' on \$182.49, disbursed,		14.60	
	"	this sum unaccounted for to square		276.70	

1869.	Sept 9"	To this sum of Pr unaccounted for last year.			276.70
	"	"	Interest thereon one year	\$16.60	
38.	By this	"	paid John Reesor, Distributee.	31.00	
39.	"	"	" James McAloney, "	18.50	
	"	8 per cent com' on \$49.50, disbursed.		3.96	
	"	this sum unaccounted for to square		223.24	276.70

1870.	Sept 9"	To this sum of Pr unaccounted for to square			223.24
	"	"	Interest thereon one year		13.39
	"	"	accumulated Int' heretoforeward.		127.16
		Total Pr & Int Sept 9" 1870.			\$363.79
	By	8 per cent com' thereon		29.10	
40.	"	this sum paid W. D. Pridemore, distributee.		17.00	
41.	"	"	" S. S. Slough under the will, of decedent, with Int. to Sept 9" 1870.	203.18	
42.	"	Isamu paid Same as distributee, with Interest to Sept 9" 1870.		105.57	
43.	"	"	" Patrick Hagan, fee	10.00	
		Overpaid by Adam to square		\$364.85	364.85



John W. Blum, Admr.  
of John Blum's decd.  
Statement of his acct.

Q



April the 26 1861

Alpha Slump Dec In account with  
A J Collier for To four weeks and  
service rendered to Alpha Slump

Virginia Lee

On the 26th day of February 1861  
I being present  
swore before me a Justice of the Peace  
for said County and said  
oath that the above account  
was sent to the best of Knowledge  
given under my hand this the  
26th day of February 1861

John Riddick

Received of John W. Slump the  
sum of \$10.00 for the  
and Alpha Slump his  
day of February 1861

A J Collier



Virginia.

At Rules held in the Clerk's office of the  
Circuit Court of Lee County, on Monday  
the 2nd day of June 1879.

John Reason

Plff.

against

Meloma Hughes John W. Slough. Defs.

In Chy.

The object of this suit is to recover of the defen-  
dant Meloma Hughes, the amount paid by  
the plaintiff as security for her in her official  
bond as Executrix of the will of Isaac Hughes  
decd, and to subject to the payment thereof  
the estate due the said Meloma from  
her co-defendant, John W. Slough, which  
has been attached for the purpose. And  
it appearing from an affidavit filed in  
the cause that the defendant, Meloma Hughes  
is a non-resident of this State, it is therefore  
ordered that she appear here within one  
month after due publication of this order,  
and do what is necessary to protect her  
interest in this suit.

A copy

Teste. R. W. Orr Jr. Clk.

I certify that I posted a copy of the above order at  
the front door of Lee County Court house on the first  
day of the Aug term 1879. of said Court. Given under  
my hand Aug 1879. James W Orr. Clerk.



John Reaser  
vs } Ord Pub.

Melina Hughes et al.



# The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of Lee County---Greeting:

We Command you to Summon

*W. Slump*

*Melvin Hughes & John*

To appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Lee, at the Court-House, on the first Monday in

*July*

next, being rule day, to answer a bill in Chancery, exhibited in our said Court against

*them*

by

*John Reaser*

And have then there this writ.

day of

*June*

Witness, JAMES W. ORR, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-House, this

*5th*

1879; in the 103<sup>rd</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

*R. W. Orr Jr.* **CLERK.**



The proper affidavit having been made in this cause,  
the officer serving the within process, is ordered to attach  
the Estate of the defendant Melvina Hughes, in the  
hands of her co-defendants John W. Skemp, and the same  
in his hands to attached, so to secure and provide that  
the same may be forthcoming and liable to the future  
order of the Court.

James W. Orr Clerk.

(B 705)

John Reaser

as John W. Skemp

Melvina Hughes et al

July 1st 1849

not executed for

want of him

H. W. Skemp

J. S. Skemp



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by

*John Reason*

And have then there this writ.

day of

*June*

Witness, JAMES W. ORR, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-House, this

*5th*

1877; in the 108<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

*A. Copy*

*R. W. Orr Jr. D.*

CLERK.

*Teste. - R. W. Orr Jr. D.*



The proper affidavit having been made in this cause, the officer serving the within process, is ordered to attach the estate of the defendant Melvina Hughes, in the hands of her co-defendant John W. Slump, and the same in his hands so attached, so to secure and provide that the same may be forthcoming and liable to the future order of the Court.

James W. Orr, Clerk.  
Attest - James W. Orr, Clerk.

Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of Lee County - Greeting:



# The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of Lee County—Greeting:

*again*  
We Command you to Summon

*Melvinia Hughes &  
John W. Slump*

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*them*

by

*John Reason*

And have then there this writ. Witness, JAMES W. ORR, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-House, this  
day of *July* 187*9*; in the *104* year of the Commonwealth.

*July*

*J. W. Orr Jr. D* **CLERK.**



The proper affidavit having been made in this cause  
the officer serving the within process is ordered  
to attach the Estate of the defendant, Melvina  
Hughes, in the hands of her Co-defendant, John  
W. Slump, and the same in his hands so at-  
tached, so to secure & provide that the same  
may be forthcoming & liable to the future or-  
der of the Court.

James W. Orr Clerk

~~sent to John W. Slump~~

John W. Slump

vs  
William H. Slump

Melvina Hughes

vs  
John W. Slump

Executed by order

of the Court

to John W. Slump, Not

Public as to Melvina

Hughes after being

a non resident of

the State of Michigan

at St. Louis, Mo.

GOVERNMENT OFFICE

OFFICE OF THE CLERK



**V**IRGINIA :—At rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit court of Lee county on Monday the 2nd day of June, 1879.

John Reasor, Plaintiff.  
against

Melvina Hughes and John W. Slemph, Defs.  
IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to recover of the defendants Melvina Hughes, the amount paid by the plaintiff as security for her, in her official bond as executrix of the will of Isaac Hughes dec'd., and to subject to the payment thereof the estate due the said Melvina from her co-defendant, John W. Slemph, which has been attached for the purpose, And it appearing from an affidavit filed in the cause, that, that the defendant Melvina Hughes, is a non-resident of this State. It is therefore ordered that she appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect her interest in this suit. A copy,

Teste :—R. W. ORR, jr., D. C.

June 6th, 4w, \$5.



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### He Knew the Machine.

One day just before harvest, an Ohio farmer went to Cincinnati to buy a reaper.

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Charles Willoughby Pub.



John Reason  
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